



### THE COOPERATIVES

The cooperative mercantile movement in Utah, which affected the Wasatch County business scene, really began

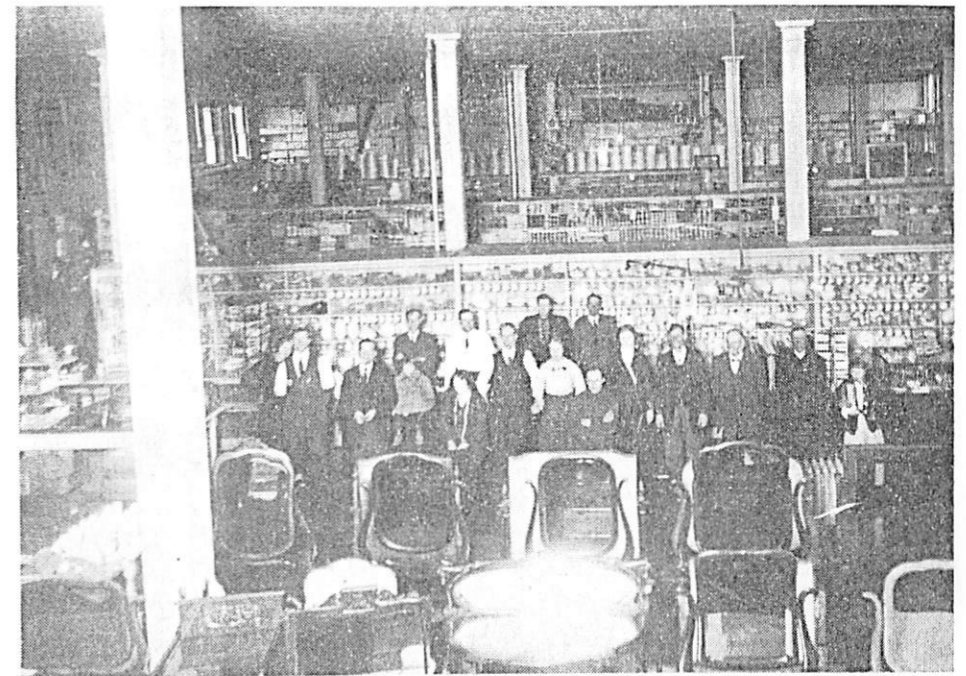
<sup>7</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>8</sup>*Wasatch Wave*, December 21, 1906.

in Salt Lake City in 1868. High prices and less prosperous times prompted Brigham Young and prominent Mormon leaders to introduce the cooperatives in an attempt to secure social and economic justice.<sup>9</sup> As it was conceived, the plan called for any group of Church members to pool their capital to form a corporation. This corporation then issued shares of stock in a store, and those who held the shares divided the profits on the basis of the amount of stock each held.

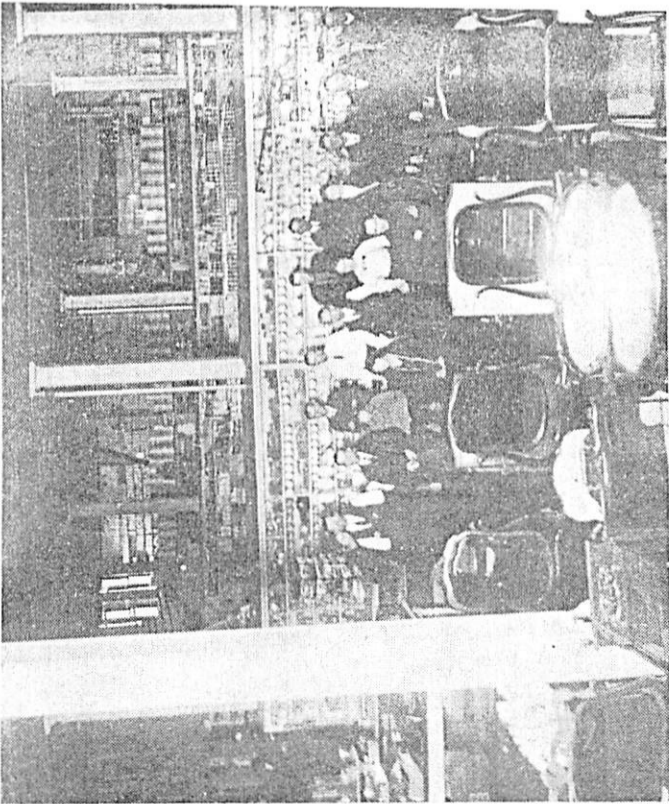
In Wasatch County the motives for adopting the cooperative plan seemed to be a desire to organize sufficient capital for the beginning of business and its expan-

<sup>9</sup>Neff, *op. cit.*, p. 830.



Heber Mercantile

Clerks of Heber Mercantile: E. J. Duke, Robert Duke, A. Y. Duke, Cleone Cord, Nymphus Murdock, Cora Miller, Jay Jensen, Jr., Edward McMullin, George Pyper, Lacy B. Duke, Jos. A. Rasband, manager, and Jos. E. D. Tomilson.



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Thomas Clotworthy, son of Hugh Clotworthy, was born May 18, 1852.

He married Sarah Horner, November 30, 1874, in Salt Lake City. Thirteen children were born to them.

Thomas Clotworthy died August 24, 1905.

The children of Thomas and Sarah Clotworthy follow: Sarah Jane, Janet, Mary

Elizabeth, Margaret, William, Cole, Lionel and Marvis.

Thomas Clotworthy married Sarah Horner on November 30, 1874, in the Salt Lake Temple. There were born to them 13 children: Hugh Thomas, Sarah Jane, Thomas C., William, Janet, Mary Elizabeth, Margaret, Lionel, Viola, Melando, Gemvive, Marvis, and Jean B.

In the public and political life of our county, Mr. Clotworthy has been an important figure. He was chairman of the board of county commissioners. Before Heber was incorporated as a city, he served two terms on the town board. His ability and influence were also given recognition only a few days before his death, when he was elected a director in the new Mercantile Company that was being organized.

He was a quiet, honest man, energetic and aggressive in any worthy cause. He was a friend at all times to those in distress, yet modest and unassuming in his achievements. His straightforward, honorable course in life won him many friends.

In his early life, Mr. Clotworthy hailed logs, and at one time had a contract to furnish wood for the Ontario Mine at Park City. He also owned and operated a shingle mill for some time, and was thereby able to secure enough means to start in the cattle business. He later invested in sheep, and at the time of his death he was one of the leading sheepmen of our county and state. He also owned and operated a butcher shop, with Jack Hicken as a partner.

Thomas Clotworthy was the victim of a horrible accident. He and his son-in-law, Jack Witt, his nephew, Hugh Jacobs, with other sheepmen of the county, were shipping their sheep to Kansas City. At Tucker, a little station on the Rio Grande Western, the helping engines had been attached to the front and rear ends of the train to help it up the summit. Thomas, with the rest of the party following, started back into the caboose. Through some cause he was thrown from his hold, and the helping engine pushed the caboose over his body, almost severing one leg, fracturing his skull, and inflicting other injuries which later proved fatal.

He died the following afternoon, at the age of 53 years, on August 24, 1905, at Provo, Utah. His body was brought to Heber, Utah, by a special train. The funeral was held on the lawn of their beautiful home.

#### JEAN CLOTWORTHY

Jean Clotworthy was born March 6, 1854, at Daby Ayrshire, Scotland. While crossing the ocean she became ill and died, and was buried at sea.

#### MARGARET CLOTWORTHY

Margaret Clotworthy was born November 29, 1855, at Daby Ayrshire, Scotland. She married William McMillan. Two girls were born to them, Jean McMillan and Margaret McMillan.

*Chairman Town Board of  
Commissioners  
Town Board  
Director Mercantile Co.  
Log hauler  
shingle mill owner-operator  
cattleman  
sheepman  
Butcher - Jack Hicken*

## Old Heber Mainstreet



In this picture, looking north, is another portion of the early Heber business district. The small building at the extreme left is Brig Witt's dentist's office. The Consolidated Wagon and Machine Co. occupied the south portion of the Heber Mercantile Company Building. In the background of the picture, on the corner, is Heber's first bank building.